

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method for marking a liquid petroleum hydrocarbon; said method comprising adding to said liquid petroleum hydrocarbon at least one dye having an unsaturated cyclic nucleus comprising at least nine ring atoms, and having at least one  $(\text{CN})_2\text{C}=\text{}$  substituent and at least one  $\text{Ar}\cdot\text{N}=\text{}$  substituent ; wherein Ar is a substituted aryl group.